

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Gene DiPoto
Appl. No.	:	10/693,663
Filed	:	October 24, 2003
For	:	METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR FIXATION OF THE SPINE THROUGH AN ACCESS DEVICE
Examiner	:	James L. Swiger III
Group Art Unit	:	3733

Response to Office Action Dated November 17, 2006**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

In the above-referenced application, please consider the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2006 ("Office Action").

Listing of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.